

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Finance and Revenue

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/11, 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases ballast water trip fee from \$70 to \$88.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: The discharge of ballast water, used to provide vessel stability, may introduce aquatic non-indigenous species into Oregon waterways, potentially resulting in ecological damage, economic costs and/or human health concerns. State regulations on ballast water management require that all regulated vessels submit ballast water management reports to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at least 24 hours prior to entry into the state. All regulated vessels are subject to boarding, inspection and ballast water sampling verification by state inspectors. In 2011, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 81 which assessed a \$70 vessel arrival fee. Revenue generated from the fee provides support for DEQ's ballast water program efforts, including report monitoring, compliance verification and technical support services.

Senate Bill 261 would increase the ballast water trip fee to \$88.